

Project WILD

Project WILD (Wildlife In Learning Design) is a nation-wide, interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program that emphasizes wildlife. The mission of Project WILD is to present a program that fosters responsible actions toward wildlife and related natural resources. The goal of Project WILD is to assist learners of any age in developing awareness, knowledge, skills, and commitment that results in informed decisions, responsible behavior, and constructive action concerning wildlife and the environment.

Project WILD presents a balanced and fair approach to a variety of environmental concepts. The concepts are introduced through fun, exciting Project WILD activities that can be used to teach science, social studies, language arts, math, art, physical education, health, and music. The materials work well in the formal classroom setting and also for education programs sponsored by nature centers, zoos, and youth groups.

Through workshops, educators are introduced to the Project WILD program. They are also instructed on the use of the Project WILD activity guides that contain supplementary curriculum materials for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Project WILD was initiated in 1980 through a partnership between the Council for Environmental Education and the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Between 1980 and 1983 the Project WILD activity guide was developed, and by 1987 the Aquatic Project WILD was issued.

Currently, Project WILD is sponsored in all 50 states and five foreign countries. Since 1983, approximately 50,000 California educators have participated in Project WILD workshops.

If you are interested in more information about this fun and effective environmental education program, contact the California Project WILD office at sgude@dfg.ca.gov, or call 916 653-3857 (toll free 1-888-945-3334), and request an information packet.



Watchable Wildlife

California offers the most diverse wildlife and wildlife viewing opportunities of any state in the nation. More than 1,275 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish live within our borders. To make it easy to find and watch wildlife, 15 governmental agencies and private organizations have joined together to select 200 of the best wildlife viewing sites found in California. Described in the *California Wildlife Viewing Guide*, these sites offer a wide range of viewing opportunities on millions of acres of public and private land. When traveling down the state's highways and back roads, look for the brown and white binoculars road signs and follow them to viewing locations.

The California Department of Fish and Game has designated 27 wildlife areas, ecological reserves, and hatcheries as wildlife viewing sites because of their outstanding wildlife resources, scenic beauty, and visitor facilities such as trails, exhibits and brochures. Some areas offer guided programs and tours, others feature solitude and open spaces.

If you are one of the over 7 million Californians who enjoy watching wildlife, take the time to visit a watchable wildlife viewing site soon. For a free brochure on Where to Watch Wildlife on California Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Areas, Hatcheries, and Ecological Reserves, please write or call:

Lands and Facilities Branch
Department of Fish and Game
1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento CA 95814
916 327-5961; email: bgarriso@dfg.ca.gov

The brochure also contains an order form for the full-color, 192-page *California Wildlife Viewing Guide*. The Guide sells for \$14 (tax, postage, and handling included). The Department is offering a reduced rate of \$11 for hunting and fishing licence holders, and members of the California Wildlife Campaign.

The Nature Bowl

The Nature Bowl is a fun and educational supplement to environmental education. It is cooperative learning team competition for 3rd through 6th grade students. Questions and activities focus on regional environmental science and issues. It is open to all schools in the counties of Sacramento, Yolo, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Placer, El Dorado and Yuba.

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The Nature Bowl serves to reinforce concept comprehension, introduce new information, and motivate students and teachers to further study. Classes become involved in the conservation of natural resources, and in understanding local environmental issues.

Coaching workshops are offered in December & January. Semi-finals take place in March.

For more information please contact the California Department of Fish and Game at 916 358-2353.